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1. Austrian treaty talks to resume in New York--US Ambassador Kirk in Moscow reports that Acting Foreign Minister Gromyko has agreed to the resumption of the Austrian treaty negotiations in New York on 22 September. According to Kirk, Gromyko was not surprised when the three western ambassadors approached him jointly, and he immediately accepted the proposal for the meetings of the deputies. Kirk describes the interview as "amicable" and reports that Gromyko expressed the hope that remaining unagreed items on the Austrian treaty might be settled in New York.

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2. Italian Government reportedly threatened by NAP issue--Italian Premier De Gasperi has informed US Ambassador Dunn that a breakup of the Cabinet has been threatened on the issue of Italian representation on the regional committees of the North Atlantic Pact organization. De Gasperi maintains that because of the strong feelings of the Socialists and Liberals in the Government, he does not see how anything can be done if acceptance is not given the Cabinet's minimum formula, which provides for Italian representation on a military coordination committee in order to assure the cooperation of the regional Atlantic Pact groups.

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(CIA Comment: CIA believes that Premier De Gasperi is exaggerating the threat to the coalition for bargaining purposes and considers that this issue alone is not likely to lead to the breakup of the Government. However, CIA estimates that this issue, if combined with unfavorable decisions on the former Italian colonies and on ECA aid, might bring some Cabinet changes.)

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